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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 1st/February, through Sunday, 8th/February there were 219 countries active.

Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5B, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5V, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, JA, JT, JW, JY, K, KH0, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T30, T32, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9L, VK9N, VP2E, VP2V, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD9, ZF, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

4U1UN WRAP-UP. Bernie McClenny, W3UR, editor of "The Daily DX", reports that last week's 10 hour operation made 1062 QSOs. Operators were only able to use one station at a time due to inter-station interference. He stated that their operation was from about 1430Z on Friday, January 30th until about 0200Z on Saturday, January 31st. Any QSOs after 0200Z on Saturday was that of a pirate! Operators were Bernie/W3UR, his daughter Christa/KB3JIU and Steve/KU9C. QSL via address on QRZ.com.

5Z, KENYA. Sigi, DL7DF, will be here on holiday with his XYL between **February 16th and March 1st**. He will be active during his free time as **5Z4HW** on all bands (no 160/30/6m) on SSB, CW, RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV. He will only use a 100w into a GP and wire antennas. QSL via his home callsign DL7DF.

6T1, SUDAN (Attention Prefix Hunter!). OPDX was informed that a new interesting prefix from the Sudan will be activated soon only during a contest. The operator is Namer, ST2NH,

and his new **contest callsign** is **6T1T**. QSL via EA7FTR: Francisco Lianez Suero, Asturias 23, 21110 Aljaraque, HUELVA, SPAIN.

8P, BARBADOS. Look for Peter, W0SA, to be here for a month, **February 11th to March 11th**. His callsign will be **8P9NX**. Peter told OPDX that he would be active on 80-10 meters including the three WARC bands, mostly on CW but some RTTY as well. QSL all contacts DIRECT + SASE to his QRZ.com address.

A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (Topband!). It was reported on the Topband Mail Reflector that Ghis, ON5NT, will be here for a two month work assignment starting in Dubai on **February 9th**. He will be staying 50km from A61AJ. Also, Robert, S53R, is expected to be with him part of the time. Ghis said he will try to activate **A61AJ** on the **lowbands** when work permits. Apparently he has to work weekends - which makes sunrise openings difficult for him. Additionally, Dave Rosen, K2GM, is also going back to Dubai about **February 15th** and will try some more 160m work permitting.

ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK. Gianni, I1HYW, announced this past week that several special Italian callsigns have already been issued for the **Antarctic Activity Week** which will be held from **February 22-28th**. The callsigns issued so far are: **TM0ANT** by F5NOD, **IR1ANT** by I1HYW, **I16ANT** by I6DHY, **IR6ANT** by I6YOT, **I17ANT** by IZ7AUH, **IR8ANT** by I8ACB and **IR0ANT** by IZ0EGC. Gianni also states that as soon as other callsigns are received from the Ministry of Communication, he will up date the list. They have arranged to use a unique QSL card (printed by IT9EJW) and a QSL Manager in Germany (Manfred, DE0MST) during this event. Manfred will do the Bureau service for all the callsigns used during the Antarctic Activity Week. Readers may have noticed that the Italian stations in Antarctica are already using a special prefix callsign, **IR0PS**. This station will join the activity only for **few days starting February 24th**. The actual crew has to leave the Base, but they have promised to try to be active from the Ship, as /MM.

AY1, SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS. Henry, LU4DXU, has arrived on **Laurie Island** (South Orkneys) and has started to operate as **AY1ZA**. He has been very active on 20 meters SSB. Henry has also been active on 80/40/15/10 meters usually operating split and by the numbers. It was reported earlier by Dominik, DL5EBE, that Henry's radio is/was interfering with the commercial HF radio of the base. When both radios are operating, Henry has to reduce his output to 10-15 watts. The use of the linear amplifier is only possible when the commercial radio on Orcadas Base is not operating. However, his digital equipment works fine on AMTOR, RTTY + PSK31. Unfortunately, the conditions are very poor at the moment.

CENTRAL AMERICAN OPERATIONS. Heikki "Henry", OH3JF, is going to be active from **Guatemala** as **TG7/OH3JF** from **February 18-29th**. He will then move to **Honduras** and operate as **HR5/OH3JF** during the period of **March 2-10th**. As usual, he is traveling with good antennas for the low bands and 800 watts power. The main focus of the operation will be from 160-30 meters, but also other bands will be activated. QSL this operation via OH3OJ. The primary (suggested) frequencies are:

- **CW** - 1827, 3507, 7007, 10103/10108, 14007, 18077, 21007, 24897, 28007
- **SSB** - 1840, 3789, 7045, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945 and 28495 kHz

CN, MOROCCO. Jim, W7EJ, will be here starting **February 24th until about the end of**

March. During this time, he plans to be active in three contests as **CN2R**. Look for him during the **CQ 160-Meter SSB Contest (February 28-29th)** as a Single-Op entry. Then in March, look for Jim in the **ARRL DX Phone Contest (March 6-7th)** and the **CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 27-28th)** as a Single-Op/All Band/High Power entry in both contests. QSL all three contests via W7EJ.

DAYTON DX DINNER BANQUET. The Southwest Ohio DX Association is pleased to announce the **19th Annual DX Dinner** to be held on Friday, **May 14th, 2004**, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dayton OH. There will be a cash bar at 6:30 PM and dinner at 7:15 PM. Tickets are 32.00 USD and must be purchased in advance. Groups wishing to sit together must order as a group. A table seats eight. Please make your check or money order payable to SWODXA and send an SASE for ticket return. Seats will be assigned in the order that requests are received. Seats will be assigned in early March. Seating is limited. Please order tickets from Steve Bolia, N8BJQ, 7354 Thackery Rd, Springfield OH 45502. For information on the dinner, check the following Web page at: <http://my.erinet.com/~n8bjq/> Or contact Steve Bolia, N8BJQ at (937) 788-2803 or send an E-mail to: n8bjq@erinet.com

DXCC NEWS. Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Manager, reports that the following UA4WHX/AC4LN operations are approved for DXCC credit: UA4WHX/AC4LN 2003 Operations

Callsign	DXCC Entity	Date(s)
V63MB	Micronesia	May 13-20, 2003
T88VV	Palau	May 21-26, 2003
KH0/AC4LN	Mariana Is	May 27-31, 2003
V63MB	Micronesia	June 2-10, 2003
V73VV	Marshall Islands	June 12-20, 2003
5W0VB	Samoa	June 26-30, 2003
ZK2VB	Niue	July 1-4, 2003
A35VB	Tonga	July 10-18, 2003
ZL/UA4WHX	New Zealand	July 19-31, 2003
P29VVB	Papua New Guinea	August 4-17, 2003
H44VV	Solomon Islands	August 18-23, 2003
H40VB	Temotu Province	August 24-30, 2003
YJ0VB	Vanuatu	September 5-18, 2003
FK/AC4LN	New Caledonia	September 21-October 3, 2003
3D2VB	Fiji Islands	October 4-6, 2003
3D2VB/R	Rotuma	October 8-14, 2003
3D2VB	Fiji	October 16-20, 2003
T30VB	Western Kiribati	October 21-28, 2003
T20VB	Tuvalu	October 29-November 5, 2003
3D2VB	Fiji	November 6-7, 2003
ZK1/AC4LN	North Cook Is	November 9-15, 2003
ZK1/AC4LN	South Cook Is	November 18-26, 2003
FO/AC4LN	Marquesas Is	December 2-7, 2003
FO/AC4LN	Austral Is	December 11-13, 2003
FO/AC4LN	French Polynesia	December 16-25, 2003

UA4WHX/AC4LN 2002 Operations

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V31VB	Belize	May 25-30, 2002
YS1/AC4LN	Belize	June 5-9, 2002
HP8/AC4LN	Panama	June 26-July 1, 2002
J6/AC4LN	St Lucia	July 17-20, 2002
HH2/AC4LN	Haiti	July 23-27, 2002
9Y4/AC4LN	Trinidad and Tobago	August 2-7, 2002
8R1/AC4LN	Guyana	August 9-14, 2002
J73/AC4LN	Dominica	August 20-23, 2002
J3/AC4LN	Grenada	August 27-30, 2002
FW/AC4LN	Wallis & Futuna Is	September 27-October 3, 2002

FG, GUADELOUPE. Patrick, F6IRF, will be active as **FG5BG**, in the **ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd)**. His operating category will be decided on the spot according to propagation and antenna condx. QSL via FG5BG. Patrick will be here between **February 14-29th** and will be active as **FG/F6IRF** outside of the contest on CW and RTTY. His activity will be casual with low power and wire antennas. QSL via home callsign (LoTW is preferred).

IOTA NEWS.....

- **NA-102.** Henri, F5DBC, will be active from **Marie Galante Island (Guadeloupe and DIFO FG-008)** now **through February 18th**. Activity will mainly be CW daily between 2200-2400z and possibly other times. Suggested frequencies are: 10104, 14025, 14135 and 18075 kHz. QSL according to instructions.
- **SA-057.** A group of CX operators will activate **San Gabriel Island** between **February 15-18th**. Activity will be on 160-10 meters (including 6m and the WARC bands). QSL via EA5KB.
- **SA-074.** Operators Jorge/OA4BHY, Pablo/OA4DJW, Sergio/OA4SJ, Marcial/ OA4DM, Hildebrando/OA4BHN and Manual/OA4AHW will be active as **OC3I** from **Los Chimus Island** between **February 11-16th**. Their activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via OA4DJW.

J6, ST. LUCIA (Update/More). Jack, K9JE, is another member of the **J6DX** team in St. Lucia for the **ARRL CW DX Contest**. He informs OPDX that he will be operating with his callsign **J68AR** before and after the contest. Jack will be there from **February 11-25th**. QSL via K9JE.

KH6, HAWAII. Witek, SP9MRO, will be active from the islands of Hawaii as **KH6/SP9MRO** and perhaps from **Battleship Missouri Amateur Radio Club, KH6BB**, between now and **February 17th**. His activity between **February 8-13th** will be sporadic (as time permits) but between **February 13-17th** very intensive. He will be active on all bands (No 30m - no antenna for 30M) and he will use a FT1000MP plus 7L on the higher bands, 2L on 40m, sloper on 80m and other antennas for the WARC bands. The QSL cards for his YN1/SP9MRO and TI2/SP9MRO activity are going to be mailed in March when he returns from Hawaii.

KP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Harry, W6DXO, will be active as **KP2/W6DXO** from the island of **St. John (NA-106)** from **March 14-19th**. His activity will be focused on 17, 12 and 10 meters on SSB and PSK. QSL via his home callsign W6DXO.

MJ, JERSEY. Mat, F5SHQ, will be active as **MJ0ASP** in the **ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd)** as a Single-Op/Single Band (20m) entry. QSL via F5SHQ.

MJ, JERSEY. Pete/K8PT and Craig/K3PLV are off to the Channel Islands again. This is their 4th year in a row. They will be operating from Jersey from **March 10th-17th** courtesy of the Jersey Amateur Radio Society. Callsigns will be **MJ/K8PT** and **MJ/K3PLV**. They should have 2 amplifiers operating this year which will help them during cycle 23 propagation. They will be operating all HF bands and modes of SSB/CW/RTTY and will concentrate on the lower bands during darkness. QSL via individual home callsigns.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Luigi, IK8OZZ, is the QSL Manager of the following stations: **KC4/IK7JGQ** and **IK7JGQ/MM**.
- Pictures of the **JA6WFM/HI8** operation can be found on the following Web page at: <http://www.h7.dion.ne.jp/~ja6wfm/>
- The callsign **KL7DX** has been re-issued to the Alaska DX Club in memory of Robert L. Rapuzzi, former holder of the callsign. AC7DX will be the QSL Manager.
- Glenn, K2FF, informs OPDX that the logs for **PZ5FF**, **PZ5UE** and **PZ5A** have been uploaded to **LoTW**.
- **NEW MANAGER.** Joe, W3HNC, is now the QSL Manager for **FK8GX** and **YI3Q**.
- **NOT THE QSL MANAGER!** KZ5RO is the QSL Manager for **TA3DD**, not KB2MS. Mark, KB2MS, states that he is still receiving a few cards for him. However, KB2MS is currently the QSL Manager for **A22EW**, **9K2SS**, and **HI3NR**. QSL **HI3/KB2MS** via KB2MS.
- QSL **W8P** via P.O.Box 252, Oscoda, Michigan 48750 (C/O: Raymond H.Knuth, KB8ZYY). Activity was by the Iosco County Amateur Radio Enthusiasts, located in Iosco County, MI (En-84), during the 54th Perchville Winter Festival on the shore of Lake Huron. This event took place on February 7-8th.
- **VK9CYL** and **VK9XYL** Contacts. Gwen, VK3DYL, informs OPDX readers: "Sorry for the delay but all direct cards (with return postage) will be in the mail in the next week. Cards received without postage will be returned via the Bureau."
- **TOP 5 QSL MANAGER NOMINATION FOR 2003.** John, K1XN, from "The GoList" announced that the nomination for TOP 5 QSL MANAGERS of 2003 closed on February 1st, and here is the list of all the managers nominated as TOP 5 managers. He states, "The response has been great this year and the nominations show why you just can not place a single one on a black list. QSL Managers provide the DX community a very valuable service and our experiences with these managers will be 'good and bad' but most of the time it is not the fault of the manager personally. The nomination list proves that other variables enter into the good/bad equation. Here is the complete list (98) in alphabetical order. The TOP 5 of the Top 5 list will be announced later (next week). Thanks to all of you that participated in this activity and look forward to your help with this survey next year (2004)."

5B4AGU	AA5BT	AC7DX	CE3FIP	DJ2MX	DJ6SI	DJ6ZN	DJ9ZB
DK1WI	DK7YY	DL2MAE	DL5EBE	DL5MBY	DL5NAM	DL6FBL	DL7AFS
DL7CM	DL7DF	DL8KAC	EA3BT	EA4URE	EA5KB	EA5URE	EA7ADH
EA7FTR	EA7JX	F2YT	F5OGL	F5TI	F6AJA	F6FNU	G3AB
G3OCA	G3SWH	G3SXW	G3TXF	I2MQP	I2YSB	IT9YRE	JA0HC
JR2KDN	K1BV	K1ER	K2UO	K3PD	K9LA	KB6NAN	KD6WW
KJ0LZ	KK5DO	KU9C	KU9Z	KZ5RO	LZ2UU	N1IBM	N2OO
N3SL	N3ZOM	N4AA	N4JR	N4QB	N5FTR	N5ID	N6AWD
N6FF	NT1N	OH2BH	OK1TN	OM2SA	ON5NT	OZ1ACB	PA3GIO

PA5ET	RW6HS	SM0CCM	SM0JHF	SM5DJZ	SM7EHU	UA1RJ	UY5XE
VA7DX	VE3HO	VE3NE	VE3XN	W3HC	W3HNC	W5UE	WA1S
WA3HUP	WA4WTG	WF5T	XE1CI	YC9BU	YO3FRI	YT1AD	ZL1AMO
ZL4HU	ZS6EZ						

Visit the "GoList" Web site at: <http://golist.net/>

SPECIAL EVENT. To celebrate the **20th anniversary of the XIV Winter Olympic Games**, look for special event station **T90ZOI** to be active from **Sarajevo** between **February 8-10th**. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via the bureau.

T32, EAST KIRIBATI. Gary/KH6GMP and Tuck/KH6DFW will be operating from **Christmas Island** from **March 1-8th** as **T32I** and **T32BI**, respectively. Their activity will be on 40-10 meters (nothing on 75/80m). T32I will try to be on RTTY and PSK31 at times, but main operations will be on SSB. Also, look for T32I to be active on 40-10 meters in the **ARRL SSB Contest** on **March 6-7th**. QSL T32I via his home callsign KH6GMP. QSL T32BI via his home callsign KH6DFW.

UE4, EUROPEAN RUSSIA. Look for **UE3SFF/4** to be active **February 17-22nd**, from the **Mordovsky Natural Reserve** (RFFA reference RFF-060), and whenever possible from the Smolnyj National Park (RFF-143). QSL via RU3SD (Vasily Bardin, P.O. Box 1, Ryazan 390000, Russia).

VQ5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS (Attention Prefix Hunters!). Operators John/WE3C, Steven/N3FTI and Robert/KQ3V will activate, for the first time, the prefix "VQ5" during the **ARRL DX Phone Contest (March 6-7th)**. Look for them to be active as **VQ5A** as a Multi/Multi entry in the contest. QSL via KQ3V.

XU, CAMBODIA (Also 3W). Reports indicate that Hiroo, JA2EZD/XW2A, will once again travel to Cambodia and Vietnam starting **February 10th** and possibly staying **until the end of the month**. He is expected to operate as **XU7AAA** and **3W2B**. QSL direct to: Hiroo Yonezuka, P.O. Box 10003, Vientiane, Laos.

YI9, IRAQ. Darek, SP6NVK, informs OPDX that he now has a license and sent us a copy showing his callsign **YI9NVK**. He is working in **An Nasiriyah** in the Province of **Thi Qar**. Darek wants/intends to be active as soon as possible! However, he is having a problem obtaining equipment to operate. Darek will be in Iraq **until the end of March**. His Web pages are: <http://www.sp6nvk.milka.pl/> <http://www.milka.us/>

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR: If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ", please send mail to me via " kb8nw@arrl.net "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/nodxa.html>

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